

	Riverfront Projects			
	City of Asheville Projects	DATED JUNE 2015	All projects on this list - except those " on the radar" are funded and a part of the City of Asheville's 5 year Capital Improvement Plan or General Fund Budget.	
	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PROJECT COMPONENTS	STATUS/PROGRESS MILESTONES
	Construction Activities			
	RADTIP	<i>The River Arts District Transportation Improvement Project (RADTIP) is the first piece of an urban, multimodal riverfront parkway in Asheville. This project serves as the spine for all of the City's RAD innovation district improvements; it improves the way people move through and around the district and provides an environment for private development in the RAD to thrive.</i>	The addition of the following components along a 2.2 existing roadway corridor: stormwater management system; bicycle facilities; pedestrian facilities; on street parking; streetscape; new Riverside Drive alignment that eliminates congestion at Lyman Street; additional clearance under railroad trestle bridge; and public art and historic interpretation of the region to create a better sense of place.	Sections of the 65% complete final construction set are being reviewed by staff, full set by end of July. On schedule. Flood modeling has begun. Utility coordination outreach started. Funding need moving forward: partnership to construct that Craven Street Bridge Improvement, a critical bike/ped connection for east and west bank projects, provide adequate facility for commercial truck traffic, not a part of the original scope of RADTIP: cost estimate of \$3.5M (plus \$500K for design). submittals for real estate acquisition vendor have been received, staff will go to Council with contract in August. Appraisals start end of August (2015). All land acquisition details must be complete by June 2016.
	Clean +Accesible River	<i>The Clean and Accessible River Strategy aims to maintain and improve water quality in the French Broad River and help get people next to, into, and around the river itself.</i>	The addition of the following components along the French Broad River between Carrier Park and Pearson Bridge: 3 acres of new riverfront park in RAD; new boat ramps and parking at Amboy Road and at Craven Street; improvement to existing Jean Webb Park river access facilities; improvement to Pearson Bridge river access facilities; constructed wetlands in two riverfront areas of the RAD; stream restoration of Penland Creek through the New Belgium Brewing site, stormwater bmps on Craven Street.	City removed underground storage tank at Pearson Bridge public river access (RiverLink constructing with 2014 TPDF funds) last month. Stream restoration at Craven continues. Staff expects implementation plan on RiverLink /City partnership to build river access steps at Amboy Road Park by end of July (RiverLink application for Pigeon River funds on city owned property at that location approved). Design of boat ramp at Craven Street east bank under partnership with NC WRC finished. Staff met with NC State Stormwater expert for consult on Riverfront and other projects on July 14. TPDF 2015 request includes pedestrian connections for Amboy river access project with RiverLink.
	Craven Street Improvements	<i>The Craven Street Improvement Project provides critical infrastructure improvements that insure economic viability for the former Stockyards area and implement the community's vision for a safer, greener riverfront.</i>	The addition of the following along or near Craven Street: .5 mile of new industrial water line, .5 mile of street rerouting and reconstruction to include bicycle lanes, on street parking and a sidewalk; transit stop; greenway trailhead; public parking (surface) lot for 85 vehicles.	The project continues to track on schedule. The section of roadway between Hazel Mill and Waynesville is open to traffic with the sidewalk constructed in this section. Sidewalk and curb and gutter construction continue on the section between Waynesville and Haywood. Paving for this section is scheduled to be completed by the end of July pending weather.The utilities have been installed.The stream restoration work is continuing with the stream walls in the final stages of construction. The public parking is in place. Retaining walls to be used for the greenway bridge are in the final stages. The rough grading for the greenway is in place, final grading and paving will take place following the installation of the soil nail walls. The Soil nail walls along greenway will begin in August and is expected to be complete early fall.
	Greenway Network	<i>The French Broad River Greenway Network provides a foundation for an urban bicycle and pedestrian system that connects people to jobs, activities, schools, and residences.</i>	The addition of the following sections of greenway: Town Branch Greenway, a 1.2 mile relatively flat paved trail with historic interpretation of key people and places in the Southside neighborhood in the 1960's; Clingman Forest Greenway, a .5 mile boardwalk and paved trail through a hilly ravine featuring environmental interpretation of the regions flora and fauna; French Broad River Greenway west bank section, almost 2 miles of paved trail from an area north of New Belgium Brewing to the existing 3 miles of greenway, parks and outdoor recreation facilities along Amboy Road and beyond; French Broad River Greenway east bank connection- 1 mile of art infused greenway in the heart of the River Arts District between the Captain Bowen Bridge and the Arts and Culture Dispensary at 14 Riverside Drive.	Engineered drawings for Town Branch and Clingman Forest complete. French Broad River Greenway west bank (FBR park to W. Avl/RiverLink bridge) has hit 25% construction mark: Grilling for Greenways public meeting held Saturday June 27 from 11-1 pm drew approximately 100 visitors. Construction drawings of French Broad River east bank at 65% mark with the rest of the RADTIP drawings at end of July. TPDF Phase I application includes ask for FBRG west bank and Beaucatcher;Beaucatcher serves as the upper section of the River to Ridge trail.
	Arts and Culture Dispensary	<i>The Arts and Culture Dispensary renovates a historic building into a place where visitors to the district can find out what's happening, how to get around, and get a taste of Asheville's arts and culture scene</i>	The renovation of an 1800 square foot building and surrounding site to include: public restrooms; reserved area for future bicycle rental or bike share station; building signage/visitor information display; flex space for gallery and/or performance space; deck area parking lot for 35 vehicles; streetside trolley dropoff ; bicycle racks to support 10 bicycles	Staff finished review of construction plans and held first site visit for internal team. Hiring of contractor expected soon; construction schedule to follow. Target Spring 2010 completion.
	Transportation Connections	<i>The Transportation Connections Project addresses gaps in transportation needs and builds important facilities that make the River Arts District an attractive place to live, work and play.</i>	The addition of the following components in and around the River Arts District: Creation of 25 on street parking spaces on Depot Street; creation of bicycle lanes and sidewalk on Haywood Road to Craven Street; creation of wayfinding and building of on street connections between off road greenway pieces; building of a roundabout at the 5 points intersection to improve traffic flow, safety, wayfinding; complete streets re-build of Livingston Street (River Arts District to Hospital District).	Submittals for Livingston Street engineering (complete streets) resulted in successful contract with Davenport. Communication strategy is being developed and will occur as part of the design process, consultant and staff will work together to make sure the community has opportunity to engage via variety of methods. The greenway connectors grant application (Southside Connection and Depot Street) was awarded by the MPO.
	Recreation and Cultural Facilities	<i>Improvements to and Expansion of the City's recreation facilities in the Wilma Dykeman Riverway area.</i>	Rebuilding the Velodrome at Carrier Park on French Broad; Renovation of the soccer fields at Azalea Park along the Swannanoa;	2015 TPDF application includes ask to support Velodrome project.
	Non- Construction Activities			
	Redevelopment of City owned Property on Riverside Drive		Releasing an RFQ for perspective developers to create 300,000 to 1,000,00 square feet of new mixed use construction on property located between 6 and 99 Riverside Drive.	Future project. Continued privated sector interest. Council goals include affordable housing, parking, support for arts and culture and economic development.
	Form Based Development Code		Creation of new development code for greater River Arts District	Code Studio hired. Kick off meeting held in mid June drew approx 50 people Stakeholders interviewed 17th and 18th. Charette planned for July 24-29 at former Blue Kudzu space on Depot Street. Advisory Group meeting Sunday the 26th.
	Equitable Development Strategies		Creation of strategies that follow up on Neighborhood Scenario Planning and Alternatives to Gentrification Report for the East of the Riverway neighborhoods.	US EPA technical assistance award to City provides a general public meeting on July 16 with a smaller workshop on the 17th for developers and leads of neighborhood orgs. The public meeting may outline what equitable development is,work that has been/will be done in our community, and describe tools available and case studies from other communities. Workshop may provide the opportunity to build relationships and a shared language as we embark on a number of public projects in the area: Livingston Street Complete Streets, greenways, the Riverway, South Slope planning process, potential affordable housing on city-owned land.
	On the Radar		These are proposals or ideas, not funded by the city at this point.	
			Partnership to Restore Thomas Wolfe Cabin at Azalea Park	Preservation Society, City of Asheville staff exploring partnership.
			Regional Flood Hazard Mitigation Project on Swannanoa River	Developing a partnership to implement the next project to mitigate flood impact: Warren Wilson, City of Asheville, Buncombe County, USACE, FEMA.
			Extension of French Broad Riverfront Greenway to Bent Creek and beyond.	fundraising by Friends of Connect Buncombe. NCDOT leading feasibility as part of I-26 project.
			Swannanoa Corridor greenway section feasibility (east Asheville)	Friends of Connect Buncombe, Highland Brewing, New Belgium Brewing, Greenway Committee, Parks and Greenways Foundation, and Asheville on Bikes supporting funding partnership between entities to assist with potential feasibility study (first task) associated with the next greenway in the Wilma Dykeman Riverway Master Plan, and a new spur to Highland Brewing.
			Whitewater Park proposal	Whitewater park proposal evaluation finished, staff meeting with advocacy group successful, and staff recommendations went to PED on June 16th. Council/PED to review staff study and evaluate potential whitewater study group in August